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RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS' MEMORIAL AT THE NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY IN EMMITSBURG, MARYLAND, AS THE OFFICIAL NATIONAL MEMORIAL TO VOLUNTEER AND CAREER FIREFIGHTERS WHO DIE IN THE LINE OF DUTY

MAY 18 (legislative day, JANUARY 3), 1989.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. FORD, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S.J. Res. 77]

The Committee on Rules and Administration, having considered S.J. Res. 77, a joint resolution to recognize the National Fallen Firefighters' Memorial at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, as the official national memorial to volunteer and career firefighters who die in the line of duty, reports favorably thereon, and recommends that the joint resolution do pass.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Fallen Firefighters Memorial at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, established in 1981, is the first Federal monument to honor career and volunteer fallen firefighters. Each year the names of those men and women who died in the line of duty are inscribed on plaques at the base of the Memorial, which has become a national symbol of honor for members of the fire service and their families. The purpose of this joint resolution is to recognize the Memorial as the official national memorial to volunteer and career firefighters who die in the line of duty.

The House of Representatives had approved a very similar bill in the 100th Congress, and this year legislation was again introduced in the House to grant national status to this memorial.

All eleven member organizations of the Joint Council of National Fire Service Organizations have endorsed the National Academy site as the most appropriate location for a National Fallen Firefighters' memorial. In addition, the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Julius W. Becton, Jr., has expressed

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his support for this effort by letter to Senator Sarbanes, the sponsor of S.J. Res. 77. His letter follows:

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY,
Washington, DC.

Hon. PAUL SARBANES,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR SARBANES: As you are aware, the House passed legislation in October to recognize the monument at the National Fire Academy at Emmitsburg, Maryland, as the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial honoring the firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty. This bill, H.J. Res. 328, is currently pending in the Senate Rules and Administration Committee. I want to take this opportunity to let you know of my support for H.J. Res. 328 and to encourage the Senate to act favorably upon it.

The permanent Fallen Firefighters Memorial was unveiled and dedicated in October of 1981, at the site of the National Fire Academy at Emmitsburg, Maryland. Since that time, it has been recognized as a national symbol to members of the fire service. During October each year, at the conclusion of Fire Prevention Week, the families of the fallen firefighters travel to Emmitsburg, Maryland, to attend the service in memory of the fallen firefighters who died in the line of duty during the previous year.

Today's firefighters, whether career or volunteer, in large departments or small, are committed to a profession which is extremely dangerous and which tests the critical human qualities of strength, endurance, dedication and courage. The Fallen Firefighters Memorial at the National Fire Academy honors all firefighters, career and volunteer alike.

Any national memorial for fallen firefighters should recognize both career and volunteer firefighters. The Fallen Firefighters Memorial at Emmitsburg, Maryland, assures that the invaluable contributions made by volunteerism do not go unheralded.

The co-location of the Memorial at the site of the National Fire Academy is ideal. It allows the greatest number of firefighters and fire officers from every state of the Union to view it as they attend National Fire Academy courses.

All eleven members of the Joint Council of National Fire Service Organizations who represent the preeminent fire service constituency organizations have enthusiastically endorsed the National Fire Academy site in Emmitsburg, Maryland, as the most appropriate location of a National Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

It is regretful that the Fallen Firefighter Memorial at the National Fire Academy was not named as a national memorial at the time of its inception in 1981, and I am hopeful that the Senate will follow the House's lead and take steps to correct this situation.

Sincerely,

JULIUS W. BECTON, Jr., *Director.*

PROVISIONS OF THE JOINT RESOLUTION

S.J. Res. 77 provides that the memorial known as the National Fallen Firefighters' Memorial, located on the campus of the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, be recognized as

the official national memorial to volunteer and career firefighters who die in the line of duty.

COMMITTEE ACTION

On May 17, 1989, the Committee on Rules and Administration held a markup session on S.J. Res. 77. After discussion, S.J. Res. 77 was passed, unanimously, by a record vote and was ordered reported favorably by the Committee.

COMMITTEE ROLLCALL VOTE

In compliance with paragraph 7 (b) and (c) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the record of the rollcall vote in the Committee on Rules and Administration during its consideration of S.J. Res. 77 to report favorably was as follows:

YEAS (11)	NAYS (0)
Mr. Ford	
Mr. Inouye	
Mr. DeConcini	
Mr. Dodd	
Mr. Adams	
Mr. Stevens	
Mr. Hatfield	
Mr. McClure	
Mr. Helms	
Mr. Garn	
Mr. McConnell	

Chairman Ford cast proxies for Senators Gore and Moynihan in support of the motion.

COST ESTIMATE

In accordance with paragraph 11(a) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee does not consider that passage of S.J. Res. 77 would entail any cost to the Federal government.

REGULATORY IMPACT

In accordance with paragraph 11(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee does not consider that passage of S.J. Res. 77 would have any regulatory impact.

[S.J. Res. 77, 101st Cong., 1st sess.]

JOINT RESOLUTION Recognizing the National Fallen Firefighters' Memorial at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, as the official national memorial to volunteer and career firefighters who die in the line of duty

Whereas the National Fallen Firefighters' Memorial, located on the campus of the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, honors the approximately one hundred and sixty volunteer and career firefighters who die each year in the line of duty; and

Whereas such Memorial serves as a symbol of the courage and dedication of past, present, and future firefighters in their efforts to protect life and property: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the memorial known as the National Fallen Firefighters' Memorial, located on the campus of the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, is recognized as the official national memorial to volunteer and career firefighters who die in the line of duty.

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